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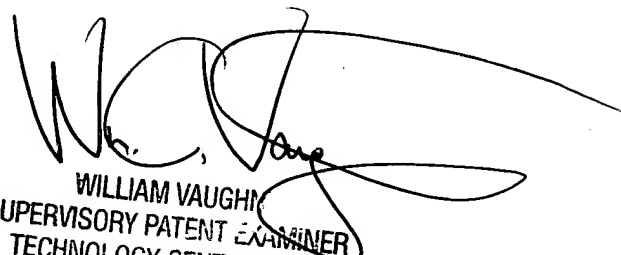
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The rely brief filed on January 11, 2007, has been entered and considered, but no further response by the examiner is deemed necessary. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference for decision on the appeal.

  
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